and as such domestic rupee fare had to be increased to off set the increase in operating cost. The average price of ATF came down marginally by 2% from Rs. 38,400/KL in October, 2005 to Rs. 37,650/KL in November, 2005.

Recovery of Government dues from private airlines

†1386. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether private airlines operating on domestic routes have to pay certain amounts due to Government;

(b) if so, the number of such airlines along with the amounts due on them and since when; and

(c) the steps taken for the recovery of these dues along with the steps to be taken in future to deposit these dues to various Government authorities at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The normal dues (within credit period of 15 days) outstanding against major private sector airlines *viz.* Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines, Air Deccan, Spice jet and Kingfisher Airlines are Rs. 2959.14 lakhs, 797.72 lakhs, 577.89 lakhs, 62.79 lakhs and 106.66 lakhs, respectively. The over dues (involving a period of 3 months to more than 3 years) against Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines, Air Deccan, Spice Jet, Kingfisher Airlines, East West Airlines, NEPC, Skyline NEPC, Archana Airways, Mesco, Elbee Air, VIF Airways, continental Aviation, and Jagson Airlines are Rs.350 lakhs, 125 lakhs, 1340 lakhs, 0.00 119 lakhs, 1622 lakhs, 354.98 lakhs, 166.10 lakhs, 39.62 lakhs, 306.23 lakhs, 10296 lakhs, 24.79 lakhs, 184 lakhs, and 131.26 lakhs, respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Dues are monitored regularly by Airports Authority of India. Wherever necessary, action is taken through legal/arbitration/public premises act. Besides, interest is levied for overdue period on defaulting airlines. The security deposit is also increased suitably based on operations.

Funds for acquisition of aircrafts

1387. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India propose to raise finance for the acquisition of aircrafts of its fleet without Government guarantee going into the money market; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount of money Air India propose to raise through the market for purchase of aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Air India propose to finance the fleet acquisition through loan amounting to approximately Rs. 33,000 crores for 50 aircraft and approximately Rs. 4,900 crores for 18 aircraft by Air India Charters Limited with Government Guarantee.

New airport at Jaipur

1388. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a proposal has been formulated to establish a new international standard airport near Jaipur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the locations, identified for the new airport, and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India has no plan to construct a new international standard airport near Jaipur. However, a new international terminal building complex at the existing Jaipur airport (Sanganer airport) has been planned and this work is likely to be taken up during 2006-07.